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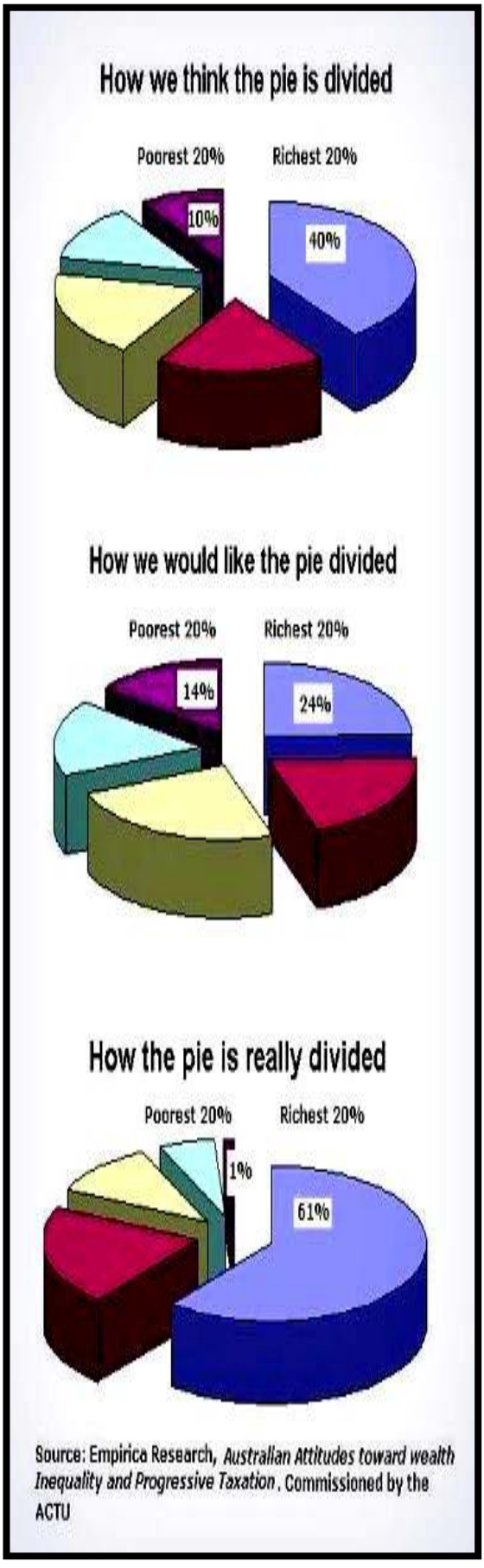

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Welcome

Welcome to issue fourteen of our Occupy Sydney Zine!

Free school on Saturday with Dale 1pm & Marc 2pm.

Be kind to yourself and do the activism that energises you. Know that your passion to change the world is working best when you choose to live that change. Sending much love to all activists xx

This is *your* platform to share & show what Occupy Sydney means to you. The submissions in this zine are the opinions of individual Occupiers. All copy rights & ownership remain with these individuals.

If you are running your own Occupy Event or maintaining your own Occupation please let us know about it. Send photos, report backs & event details to OccupySydneyZine@gmail.com

Please feel welcome to contribute & add *your* voice & views.

It is only when we share in the commons do we bond as a community, so let us all share in the commons of the people's media & discover what we can create together.

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A big thank you to Liam, Lanz, Hugo, Wenny, Allan & Maloë for your articles, report backs, websites, photos and images. I am so very grateful to work on this project with your talents!

Much Love & Support xx Bern

Your Submissions & Feedback

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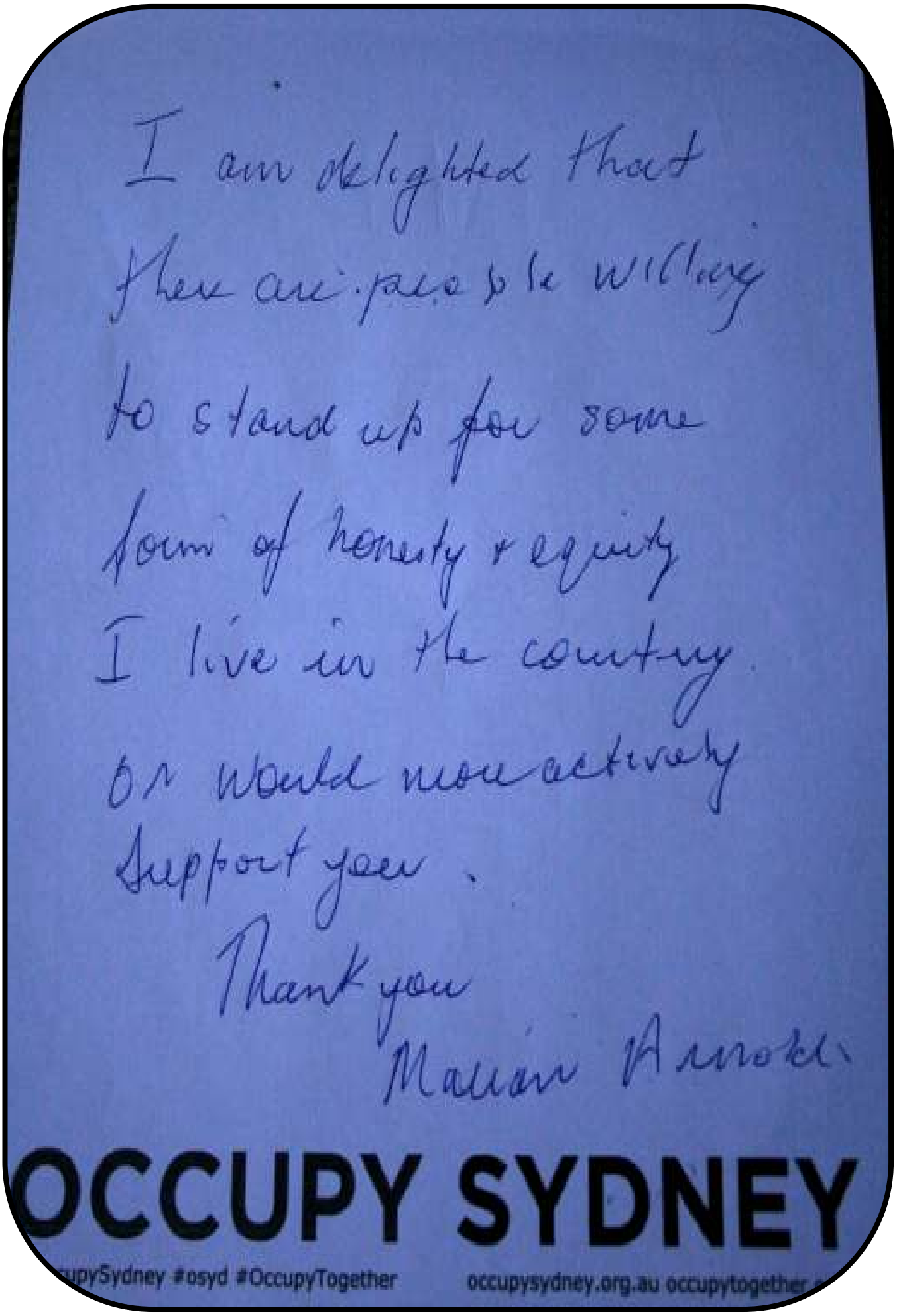
so it can be ready for printing by Occupy Fridays



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Arrests are just not cricket

Lizards Revenge – Arrests are just not cricket

A light-hearted game of cricket near Roxby Downs was disrupted today at 1:15pm as police moved in to arrest the players, who are camping near the Olympic Dam uranium mine as part of the Lizards Revenge protest festival.

Police and off-duty miners were invited to join the game, but cricketers were instead bowled over by the severity of the police response. About 50 officers, six on horseback, formed a line to push the group from the road and the oval. Musical equipment and props were confiscated, and five players were arrested in the ensuing scuffle – bringing the total number of arrests so far to eleven.

Both sport and opposition to the nuclear industry are proud Australian traditions. BHP, the once "big Australian", is now 76% foreign-owned. After the resource has been extracted from Olympic Dam, Australia will be left with 40 square kilometres of toxic tailings whilst most of the profits have gone overseas.

One player explained: "We say uranium mining is just not cricket. We want BHP Billiton to give the Arabunna people, the Kokatha people and all the Australian people a fair go."

For more information or photos contact Nectaria Calan 0432 388 665.

http://lizardsrevenge.net/arrests-are-just-not-cricket/

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OCCUPY SYDNEY

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Occupy Sydney Podcast Episode 2:
Robbery with Violence – resource exploitation series pt 1 of 3

Link to Audio

Submitted by Wenny & Hugo

Open letter to the Australian people from Christine Assange

--- mother of Julian Assange

There have been many public statements made about WikiLeaks and its Editor-in-chief Julian Assange that are factually inaccurate.

For example, Prime Minister Julia Gillard: "It's illegal." Attorney General Nicola Roxon: "He fled Sweden" and the media generally: "Assange is charged/facing charges" (in relation to Swedish sex allegations).

Some of these inaccurate statements are due to misinformation, but others are designed to smear Julian, to erode his public support, to discredit WikiLeaks work and to prevent the further publishing of uncomfortable truths.

Many Australians including leading lawyers, academics and journalists believe WikiLeaks is a legitimate, ethical and courageous media organisation, and that Julian is an innocent man; a political prisoner persecuted for exposing the US Government and its big corporations for the complicity in war crimes, fraud and corruption, exploitation of the third world, bullying and diplomatic manipulation in other countries, lying to the public and other shady dealings.

They were appalled as the Australian Government stood by in silence as furious US politicians and commentators called for the brutal murder of my son. The Australian Government stood silent when Julian's personal bank accounts were frozen and the US Government cut off 95 per cent of WikiLeaks funding by pressuring credit card companies to refuse to process voluntary donations (this was despite the fact that the US Treasury stated there was no reason to blacklist WikiLeaks).

They are deeply concerned that the Government refuses to protest against the many documented abuses of Julian's legal and human rights in the Swedish extradition case or his right to a fair legal process in an imminent US extradition application.

Moreover, many feel his treatment signifies other wider concerns that the Australian Government has become an echo chamber of the US Government and US big business, which is increasingly dictating Australian policy and new legislation against the interests of Australian security, the privacy and civil rights of Australian citizens, Australian businesses and Australian democracy.

I implore you as a mother and urge you as an Australian citizen to look at the facts I have listed below and to make up your own mind.

Included at the end are links to more factual information, what we are asking the Australian Government to do to protect Julian and some actions you may take to support Julian's right to justice.

Thanking you,

Christine Assange

christineassange@gmail.com

FACTS

*PLEASE NOTE: Julian has not been charged by Sweden regarding the sex

allegations, or by any other country in the world in relation to his work at WikiLeaks.*

WikiLeaks

• WikiLeaks is a not-for-profit legally constituted online news publisher, which is funded by voluntary donations and has been recognised for quality investigative journalism, with many prestigious international journalism and human rights awards

(wikipedia).

a) *Sam Adams Award 2010* Julian Assange was unanimously awarded to Julian Assange for "Integrity and Intelligence" for the release of the Afghan War Diaries and Iraq war logs by a panel of senior US military and intelligence officers (ret.). Awards ceremony: "It has been said that: 'You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.' WikiLeaks is helping make that possible by publishing documents that do not lie."

b) *2011 Walkley Award for Excellence in Journalism* "Today journalists and editors around the world are concerned about the attacks on WikiLeaks. This is an issue of the freedom of the press, people have a right to information through the opportunities provided by the web, and journalists remain ready to fight for the principle of exposure journalism. His organisation has done nothing more than hold Governments to account and we should stand by him and his right to do so".

• WikiLeaks acts in accordance with traditional journalism. It publishes information given by various sources but protects its sources with a secure anonymous drop box.

• WikiLeaks redacts its documents; so to date not one person has been physically harmed by its publications.

• WikiLeaks has a perfect record with information reliability. No Government has denied authenticity of any documents.

Swedish Sex Allegations and the Swedish Extradition Case

• After the Afghan War Diary release 25/7/10 Julian visited Sweden to obtain residency and base WikiLeaks there because of the good whistleblowing laws. The US was aware of more WikiLeaks releases to come and wrote threatening letters. Julian was warned of entrapment plans.

• Woman A.A. invited Julian to speak in Sweden at a seminar about Afghanistan in mid-August 2010. Woman S.W. stated she went to the seminar to meet Julian. Both women have stated to the police and media that sex was consensual and non-violent. Exculpatory evidence (texts to friends) show women had no complaints regarding sex until finding out about each other and 100+ texts between A.A. and S.W. speak of revenge, making money and ruining Julian's reputation by going to the press.

• Woman S.W. was so upset police were going to allege rape she does not finish her interview or sign her witness statement, which was then altered again without her consent. She stated she felt railroaded into making a complaint.

• *In Sweden, consensual non-violent sex can be legally defined as rape. *

• Contrary to Swedish police procedure the women's interviews were not video or audio taped and the first prosecutor, Maria Haljebo-Kjellstrand, unlawfully told the press Julian was wanted for rape. Julian was not interviewed or informed he found out in the tabloid newspaper Expressen that he was, "Being hunted down for double rape". Within hours, there were millions of website hits for Assange plus rape, causing irreparable harm to

Julian's reputation.

• The next day after reviewing the file, Stockholm's chief prosecutor Eva Finne threw out the rape allegation. "I consider there are no grounds for suspecting he has committed rape," she said.

• For the last three years, the political advisor to the Swedish Prime Minister has been Karl Rove, a notorious, disgraced former Bush administration advisor who orchestrated vicious smear campaigns against political opponents. Karl Rove is a personal friend of the Swedish Prime Minister Fredrick Reinfeldt and of the Swedish foreign minister Carl Bildt.

• Sweden has close ties to the US and was the major arms supplier to the US-Iraq War.

• Around a week after the dropping of the rape allegation by the chief prosecutor, a politician/lawyer named Claes Borgstrom appealed the decision. Claes Borgstrom and his business partner Thomas Bodstrom run a thriving legal practice based on representing claimants in sex cases.

• Woman A.A., Irmeli Krans (interrogating police officer of woman S.W.) and both Borgstrom and Bodtsrom are members of the Swedish Social Democrat Party. They all stood together for elections at the same time, one month after the sex allegations were made against Julian, with one of the platforms being widening the definition of rape within consensual sex.

• Woman A.A. produced new evidence for the appeal. She submitted a condom which she states Julian tore deliberately. Forensic tests showed there was no DNA evidence in the condom from either Julian or herself.

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• Julian was not informed of the appeal and had no chance to make a submission the appeal was successful.

Julian Did Not Flee Sweden

1) He remained in Sweden for five weeks seeking an interview with the new prosecutor Marianne Ny. She made excuses not to interview him and gave him permission to leave Sweden for business on September 15th (meeting with Cablegate media partners). He offered to fly back into Sweden for interview on October 9 or 10. Ny refused because it was a weekend. He offered to fly back on October 11th Ny refused because it was too far away.

2) During October and November Julian stayed at the journalist's club in the UK preparing for the release of the US diplomatic cables (Cablegate). During this period, he offered to be interviewed by Marianne Ny via the normal protocol for this situation called Mutual Legal Assistance, (MLA), (via Skype, phone or videolink), Marianne Ny refused all offers.

• Around the time of the release of Cablegate in late November, Marianne Ny

issued a European Arrest Warrant (EAW) for questioning stating that Julian had fled the country and a public Interpol Red Notice for his arrest.

• For the entire 16 months that Julian has been under house arrest in the UK, Marianne Ny has refused all his offers to be interviewed at the Swedish Embassy or in Scotland Yard.

• Marianne Ny has misled the Swedish and UK public by stating that she was legally not allowed to interview Julian by mutual legal assistance or in the UK. Sweden is a signatory to MLA.

• *Many legal people investigating the case are of the opinion that the Swedish extradition case is not bona fide but merely a holding case awaiting a US extradition.*

The European Arrest Warrant

• The European arrest warrant is only supposed to be issued for prosecution not for questioning. Under the terms of the European Arrest Warrant, no allegations can be tested (including the sex allegations against Julian).

• The European Arrest Warrant was initially meant for the fast-track extradition of bona-fide terrorists but has been misused. It has been subject to much criticism since its inception as it results in the abuse of many citizens legal and human rights (1000 people a month extradited from the UK).

The Supreme Court Appeal

• Julian is appealing the UK High Court's decision to extradite him in the only way he can, not on the evidence of the allegations but on a point of law of public importance. This point of law refers to the fact that a police prosecutor is not a judicial authority and that there is a conflict of interest in a prosecutor having the final say in the issuing of a European Arrest Warrant. Marianne Ny acted as both prosecutor and judicial authority on the issue of the European Arrest Warrant for Julian.

• If Julian loses the Supreme Court appeal he will be sent to Sweden in ten days.

• If Julian wins the appeal he is free to return home to Australia, unless the US immediately applies for a US extradition from the UK before he has a chance to leave.

What Happens If Julian Goes To Sweden

• There is no bail in Sweden for foreigners and he will be held in indefinite detention in a Swedish remand prison incommunicado except to Swedish lawyers and in solitary confinement.

• If and when the case proceeds to trial he will be tried in secret (no media or observers) by four judges. Three of the four judges will be "lay" judges, that is, they have no legal training and are appointed by political parties.

• The other alternative is that the US will immediately unseal its Grand Jury indictment against Julian and from any point that he arrives in Sweden he could be extradited to the US. Many people falsely believe that the UK would have to sign off on an onward extradition to the US. This is true, if it is by way of a normal European extradition. However, under a separate US/Swedish Bilateral Treaty, Julian can be legally rendered to the US via a component of that treaty called the Temporary Surrender Regime. This is a secret, fasttrack,

no-test rendition.

What Happens If the US Applies for an Extradition From the UK

• The extradition hearing will be public and take longer, but the UK/US treaty is unbalanced, that while a prima facie case (evidence) is required to extradite a person from the US to the UK, no prima facie

(evidence) is required to extradite a person from the UK to the US. So any allegations that the US is making about Julian cannot be tested prior to extradition.

The US Grand Jury Indictment

• The US Grand Jury has been sitting for 16 months and it is believed to have reached a verdict to indict Julian and has a sealed subpoena ready to unseal at the most beneficial time to the US. The Grand Jury is a flawed, unjust legal process, consisting of four prosecutors but no defence evidence is allowed. There is no judge and the jury pool is drawn from Alexandria, Virginia which has the highest percentage of military contractor families in the US.

***The Trial of Bradley Manning ***

• Private Bradley Manning, the whistleblower, who is alleged to have provided the US documents to the WikiLeaks dropbox has been held in a US military prison for the last two years without trial. The last straw for Bradley Manning was when he was asked to arrest 15 Iraqi civilian protesters and to send them to the Iraqi police for torture. Their "crime" was to hand out flyers upon which was writhed "Where has the money gone?" referring to rorting by contractors involving post-war construction. When he expressed his concern that this was unethical behaviour for a US soldier he was told to "shut up and go and get 15 more". Bradley Manning has been subjected to ongoing no-touch torture in an attempt to break him so that he will falsely incriminate Julian in criminal conspiracy. This is because under the First Amendment to the American Constitution Julian, as a journalist, is protected - even when publishing classified government documents.

***What Happens If Julian Is Extradited to the US ***

* Due to recent changes in legislation, namely NDAA (National Defence Authorisation Act) Julian can now be held in indefinite detention without trial in a US military prison. It is likely that he will be subject to torture - "Enhanced Interrogation Techniques".

• Julian has also been informed that he will be "suicided".

What Do We What The Australian Government To Do?

1) Demand that Britain and the UK sign *Humanitarian Guarantees* that Julian will not be extradited to the UK, on the grounds that:

a) He would be a political prisoner (this is not allowed under the European law).

b) There is no fair legal process, either via the obtaining of the Grand

Jury indictment or via a US extradition process from Sweden or the UK.

2) He be *granted bail* if he is extradited to Sweden, as he has not breached any bail conditions under house arrest in UK.

3) If the sex allegations proceed to trial that they be run in an *open court* (with media and observers present).

4) At the conclusion of proceedings in Sweden, Julian is *immediately repatriated home to Australia*.

5) Demand that the US Government respect the ANZUS Alliance and Australian sovereignty and not pursue a US extradition warrant in the US, UK or Sweden.

How You Can Help

1) *Email this letter* to your contacts, to journalists, to union secretaries, to MPs etc.

2) *Stay informed* by following the case at justice4assange.com or follow me on @assangec on twitter or @wikileaks.

3) *Spread the truth* and the facts of the case - call talkback radio, write letters to the editor, comments on online articles, talk to your colleagues around the water cooler (or water tank for country people), put up posters, hand out flyers available from @SomersetBean.

4) *Contact your MP* with the facts and your concerns and ask for an appointment, take a letter to give to him or her and forward a copy to their party leader.

5) *Join an existing WikiLeaks or Support Julian Assange support group*, start your own or work alone

- Australian Support Groups

- Australian WikiLeaks Citizens' Alliance (akaWACA) wacacontact@gmail.com (Melbourne)

- Support Assange and WikiLeaks Coalition (SAWC) lmp333@hotmail.com

(Sydney)

- These two groups can direct you to other support action groups around Australia.

6) *Donate* to the WikiLeaks defence fund,

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wikileaks.org or justice4assange.com

7) *Protest*. Join protest rallies - the day after the *Supreme Court decision, May 31st. Rallies will be held outside Department of Foreign Affairs Offices (DFAT) in Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.

If you cannot get to a DFAT office rally outside MP offices (Newcastle and Townsville have organised rallies). If you cannot get physically to a rally email Senator Bob Carr *(Foreign Minister) and *Nicola Roxon* (Attorney General)

and your MP or raise the issue publicly in some way on the day, ie talkback radio.

Links to Further Information

* *1) *Simple factual timeline* and talking points of Swedish extradition:

wlcentral.org/node/2486 (by Christine Assange).

2) *Briefings to MPs* at parliament on the Swedish extradition 2/3/2011

• wlcentral.org/node/1418 (simple, concise legal brief by Jennifer Robinson, Julian's UK lawyer)

• wlcentral.org/node/1414 (briefing by Peter Kemp Supreme Court solicitor)

(briefing by Tony Kevin ex-DFAT diplomat and ambassador)

3) *Extensive database* on facts, issues and contacts for journalists on Assange extradition, justice4asange.com

Important Reading

1) Naomi Wolf, leading US feminist has condemned the Swedish extradition as "That is not the state embracing feminism. That is the state pimping feminism."

Articles: *J'Accuse: Sweden, Britain and Interpol Insult Rape Victims Worldwide* 13/12/10 Huffington Post

* Karl Rove, Sweden and the Eight Aberrations in the Police Sex Crime

Reporting Process in the Assange Case**.* Link:

http://ferrada-noli.blogspot.de/2011/02/karl-rove-sweden-and-eight-major.html

2)* ** **Rape Cannot Be Disentangled From the Wider Campaign for Justice**.*Women Against Rape, UK: Letter to The Guardian, 8/2/10 by Katrin Axelsson

Link:

http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2011/jan/21/feminism-rape-humanrights-julian-assange

Food for thought

Many of us are concerned about world poverty, environmental disasters and the economic crisis.

WikiLeaks exposes the causes of these problems, the facts thus enabling us to find real solutions.

When whistleblowers are being labelled as traitors, journalists as enemy combatants and peaceful, protesting citizens as terrorists, who now can be arrested without warrant and detained indefinitely, as is being currently done on the US, most people agree with prominent US feminist Naomi Wolf that the US has become a police state.

Unlike Prime Minister Gillard, many in Australia believe that we do not want to have *these* shared values.

In regard to the ANZUS Alliance, Australians do not want to transition from being a colony of the UK to being the 51st state of the United States.

We want a government that will transition us to true independence. If we are such good friends of the US, as the Australian Government purports us to be, we should be able to be equal partners in ANZUS and from time-to-time state that we disagree with US policy.

Note to Australian MPs: If you are a Federal MP please do the morally right thing regardless of your leader's position and stand up for Australian journalist Julian Assange. Ask yourself, how you would like history and your grandchildren to remember you?

Australia for Australians.

***UPDATE… More "Coincidences" in the Assange Case: ***

1) Hillary Clinton, US Secretary of State, shall be visiting Sweden four days after the Supreme Court decision. Carl Bildt, the Swedish foreign minister tweeted his happiness at the visit and noted it had been a very long time since such a bilateral visit.

2) Just days after the UK Supreme Court decisions, is the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, which will suppress media attention on the outcome.

Free School ReportBack

Recording protests, police & photography techniques

Last Saturday 14/07/12 With Glenn Lockitch

Watch online — http://youtu.be/l-no3lNwwtU

http://www.occupysydney.org.au/2012/07/15/freeschool-14-07-2012/

Glenn Lockitch - Professional Photographer gives a Freeschool on how to use your camera and on your rights as a camera person, also some advice with dealing with police and protest situations.

http://glennlockitchphotography.net/
http://spw.net.au/tutor/glenn-lockitch

Submitted by Liam

Lessons from Iceland: the people can have the power

Protesters demonstrate in front of the Icelandic parliament during the country's financial crisis. Photograph: Nordicphotos/ Getty Images

As early progress in Iceland shows since the banking collapse, the 21st century will be the century of the common people, of us

Birgitta Jónsdóttir, guardian.co.uk, Tuesday 15 November 2011 10.37 GMT

http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2011/nov/15/lessons-from-iceland-people-power?CMP=twt_gu

The Dutch minister of internal affairs said at a speech during free press day this year: "Law-making is like a sausage, no one really wants to know what is put in it." He was referring to how expensive the Freedom of Information Act is, and was suggesting that journalists shouldn't really be asking for so much governmental information. His words exposed one of the core problems in our democracies: too many people don't care what goes into the sausage, not even the so-called law-makers, the parliamentarians.

If the 99% want to reclaim our power, our societies, we have to start somewhere. An important first step is to sever the ties between the corporations and the state by making the process of lawmaking more transparent and accessible for everyone who cares to know or contribute. We have to know what is in that law sausage; the monopoly of the corporate lobbyist has to end – especially when it comes to laws regulating banking and the internet.

The Icelandic nation only consists 311,000 souls, so we have a relatively small bureaucratic body and can move quicker then in most countries. Many have seen Iceland as the ideal country for experimentation for new solutions in an era of transformation. I agree.

We had the first revolution after the financial troubles in 2008. Due to a lack of transparency, corruption and nepotism, Iceland had the third largest financial meltdown in human history, and it shook us profoundly. The Icelandic people realised that everything we had put our trust in had failed us. One of the demands during the protests that followed – and that resulted in getting rid of the government, the central bank manager and the head of the financial authority – was that we would get to rewrite our constitution. "We" meaning the 99%, not the politicians who had failed us. Another demand was that we should have real democratic tools, such as

being able to call directly for a national referendum and dissolve parliament.

As an activist, web developer and poet, I never dreamt of being a politician and nor have I ever wanted to be a part of a political party. That was bound to change during these exceptional times. I helped create a political movement from the various grassroots movements in the wake of the crisis. We were officially created eight weeks prior to the election, and based our structure on horizontalism and consensus. We had no leaders, but rotating spokespeople; we did not define ourselves as left or right but around an agenda based on democratic reform, transparency and bailing out the people, not the banks. We vowed that no one should remain in parliament longer then eight years and our movement would dissolve if our goals had not been achieved within eight years. We had no money, no experts; we were just ordinary people who'd had enough and who needed to have power both within the system and outside it. We got 7% of the vote and four of us entered the belly of the beast.

Many great things have occurred in Iceland since our days of shock in 2008. Our constitution has been rewritten by the people for the people. A constitution is such an important measure of what sort of society people want to live in. It is the social agreement. Once it is passed, our new constitution will bring more power to the people and give us proper tools to restrain those in power. The foundation for the constitution was created by 1,000 people randomly selected from the national registry. We elected 25 people to put that vision into words. The new constitution is now in the parliament. It will be up to the 99% to call for a national vote on it so that we inside the parliament know exactly what the nation wants and will have to follow suit. If the constitution passes, we will have almost achieved everything we set out to do. Our agenda was written on various open platforms; direct democracy is the high north of our political compass in everything we do.

Having the tools for direct democracy is not enough though. We have to find ways to inspire the public to participate in co-creating the reality they want to live in. This can only be done by making direct democracy more local. Then people will feel the direct impact of their input. We don't need bigger systems, we need to downsize them so they can truly serve us and so we can truly shape them.

The capital city of Reykjavík has launched a direct democracy platform, where everyone can put in a suggestion in a community forum about things they want to be done in the city. The city council has to take the top five suggestions and process them every month. Next step is to have a similar system for the parliament, and the logical step after that is to have the same system for the ministries.

From conversations I have had with people from Occupy London it is obvious we are all thinking along the same lines. All systems are down: banking, education, health, social, political – the most logical thing would be to start a fresh system based on values other than consumerism, which maximises profit and self-destruction. We are strong, the power is ours: we are many, they are few. We are living in times of crisis. Let's embrace this time for it is the only time real changes are possible by the masses.

Save Gosford Public School

The aim of the **two schools two sites campaign** is to stop the relocation of Gosford Public School (GPS) to Henry Kendall High School (HKHS) and be offered an independent site which is of suitable size and meets the educational needs of the students.

The parents, teachers and community need your help to lobby the NSW Parliament to support the Save Gosford Public School Bill 2011 and stop the relocation to HKHS The cost savings associated with amalgamating GPS and HKHS clearly correspond with the "opportunities" outlined in the Boston Consulting Group report. Which identified the opportunity to save costs by amalgamating schools within close proximity to each other.

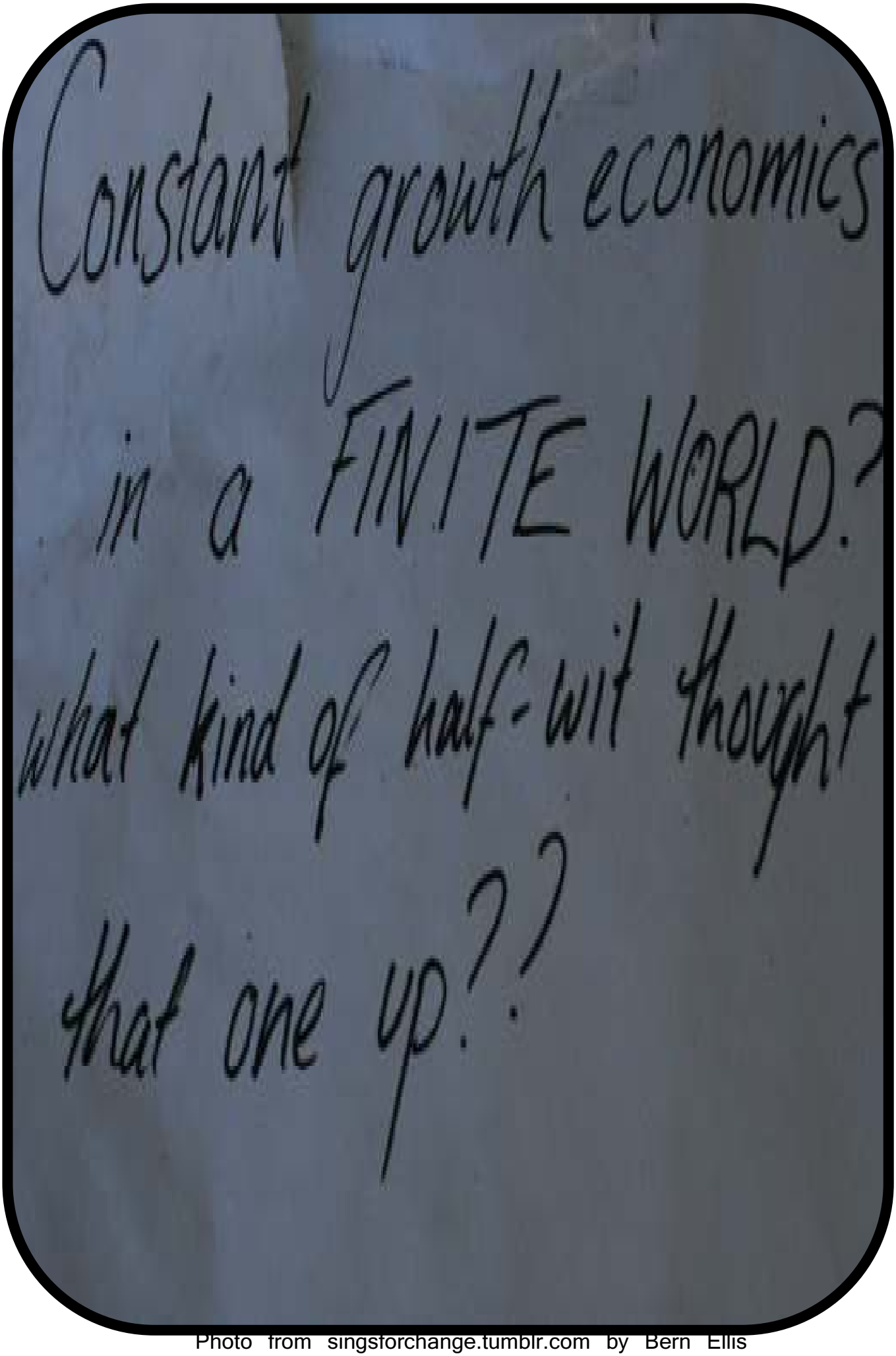
Cost costing should not be a term associated with education. Education is the foundation for empowering the next generation for a better tomorrow. This plan sets a precedent for what is acceptable in our schools in NSW, we cannot allow this to happen.

The total size of the land at HKHS is 4.65 hectares. This site is only half the required size, of a primary and secondary school, which should be 9 hectares. In 2014 there will be approximately 1400 students on site, making the HKHS location extremely over crowded.

This co-location will not allow for future growth in either school. Due to the small size of the site students are forced to share a building and playground.

Stand up for our kids and help stop this relocation as there are suitable alternative sites available to relocate GPS, which are yet to be comprehensively investigated by the Department of Education.

http://www.gosfordpublicactiongroup.org.au/



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Breakfast not Bombs

Media Release-17.7.2012

Lizards Revenge -6 arrests

Activists call for “Breakfast not Bombs” as police defend what BHPBilliton aims to make the largest uranium mine in the world. At the road blockade set up to control access to the Olympic Dam mine demonstrators set up a breakfast and blockade. Their message, that the uranium from this mine and others like it contributes to the nuclear weapons industry and any expansion to this mine is an increased contribution to the industry.

Here are statements from the picnickers that have blocked the road near the Bypass rd and Olympic way from7am til 9am. 6 people were arrested with what the police describe as various offense “Breakfast not Bombs” crew reported seeing many trucks being turned around during the picnic road block.

Shane Anderson:
I am a father of two children who inherit from me and my generation what we leave them. I am committed to give them the most positive and peaceful future I can. I have been committed to anti-war activism for the last three years and see and hear the impact of depleted uranium in Afghanistan where Australia still has troops, as well as Iraq. Beyond this Australia has committed to supply uranium to one of the two newest nuclear arms countries, India. Right now India and it’s neighbor Pakistan are involved in a nuclear arms race which Australia now contributes to. Talk of safeguards have continually been shown inadequate and the potential of even much less than one percent the uranium we supply becoming weapons is not acceptable and leaves a world under the ever increasing threat of weapons.

Laura Hogan:
I came to my first understanding of the nuclear chain last year on a ten week “Walk Away from Uranium Mining”, which walked through communities and regions marked out to be desecrated by uranium mining in Western Australia.
The nuclear industry is toxic at every stage – from uranium mining to nuclear power to the radioactive waste.
I have come from Western Australia – a place marked out for their first uranium mines – to say no to this dangerous toxic industry. As a young person I am seeking a change to real and sustainable renewable, not a false choice between global warming or radioactive poising of our lands.
Too often we ignore the effects of this industry because it happens away from our direct doorstep, uranium is mined here in the desert, and dumped on the homes of Aboriginal communities in the desert within Australia. But as we have been reminded again from Fukushima, radiation doesn’t discriminate, and this is a threat to the health of us all, now and into the future.

Jasmine Shepherd
I’ve come from Melbourne to oppose the nuclear operation and expansion peacefully. I think this industry is a destructive force globally

Raffaele Fantasia
I first started learning about the nuclear industry a few years ago and the more I learnt the more I realized that this industry expands not because we need it but because of the industry’s insatiable desire for profit at the expense of community safety, indigenous communities and the environment.

The communities surrounding the Fukushima reactor, exposed to deadly radiation from Australian uranium, deserve our very best efforts to make sure we shut this industry down.

This action is a strong statement from Lizards Revenge to let BHP know we are that we are not going away.

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FreeSchool Saturday 21 July 2012

@ Occupy Sydney Occupation cnr Elizabeth St & Martin Place

1pm Legals Workshop- Dale Mills continues the Legal Issues for Activists series of discussions

2pm NEGATIVE GEARING - This will hopefully be an entry point to a series of economics based Free School Topics.

The OCCUPY Content Management System (OCMS) @ occupytheuniverse.net

Learn

Education is a powerful tool for altering human belief systems and thus behaviour. It requires an organised system of information delivery and mechanisms whereby participation in the resultant evolving communities is facilitated. Comprehensive introduction to a variety of subjects is provided.

Occupy

In depth content covers the philosophy, structure, and activities of OCCUPY. For example, one significant role is, "the facilitation of community building through education".

Interact

OCCUPY facilitates the creation of new ways of doing things and new ways of being responsible for the wellbeing and sustainability of both local and global communities. This is not easily done in isolation, but rather, gathers strength through interaction with others. It is a process that empowers each participant through the discovery that similar concerns are shared world-wide throughout many different communities.

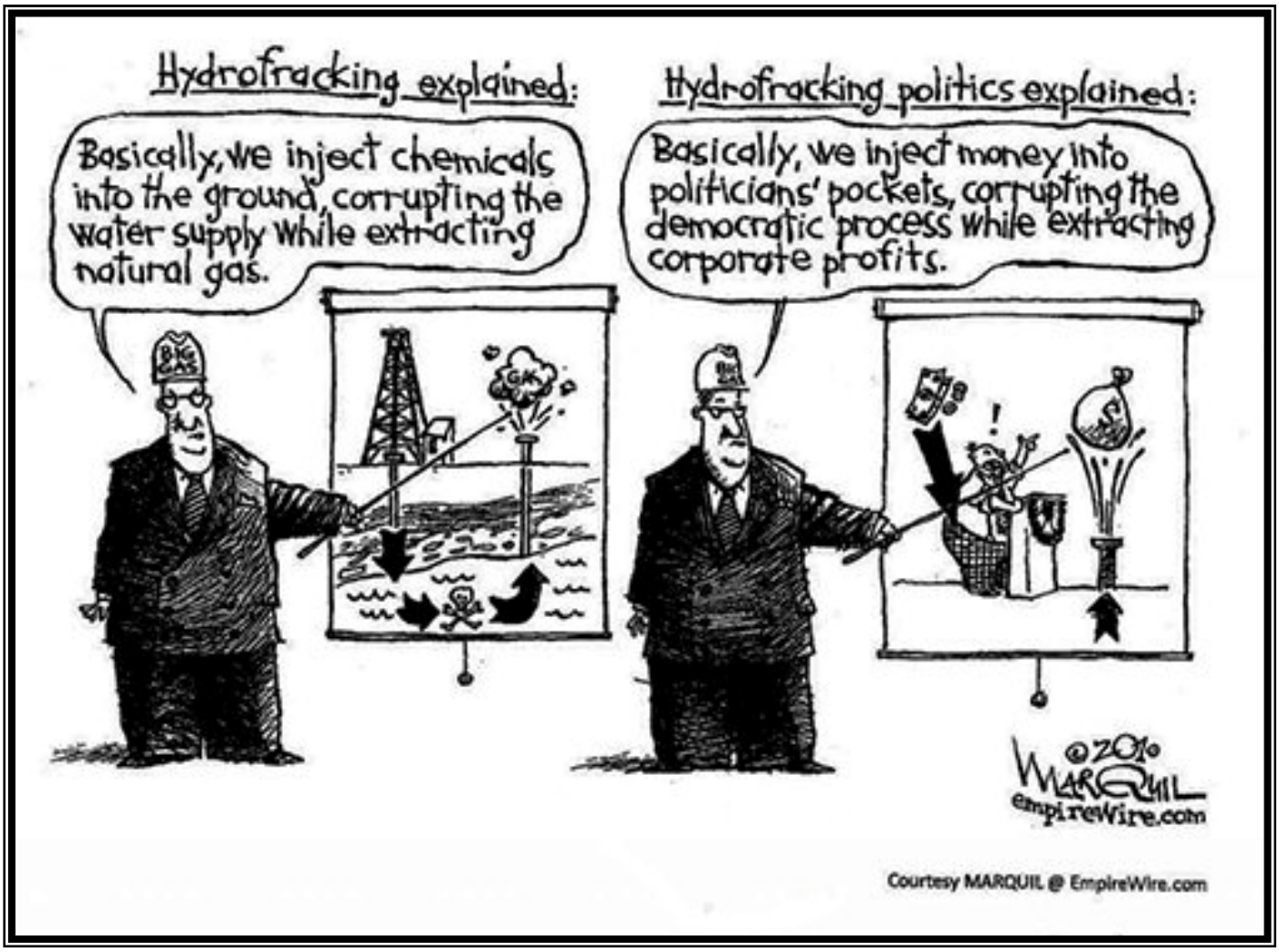
Discuss

Participation in learning and interaction develops community identity. Through discussion, proposals for action can be clarified and activities understood.

Collaborate

Identification of problems through participation in learning, interaction, and discussion, leads to the generation of proposals for solutions. Solutions take the form of consensus driven collaborations that can evolve into real-world actions.

Submitted by Allan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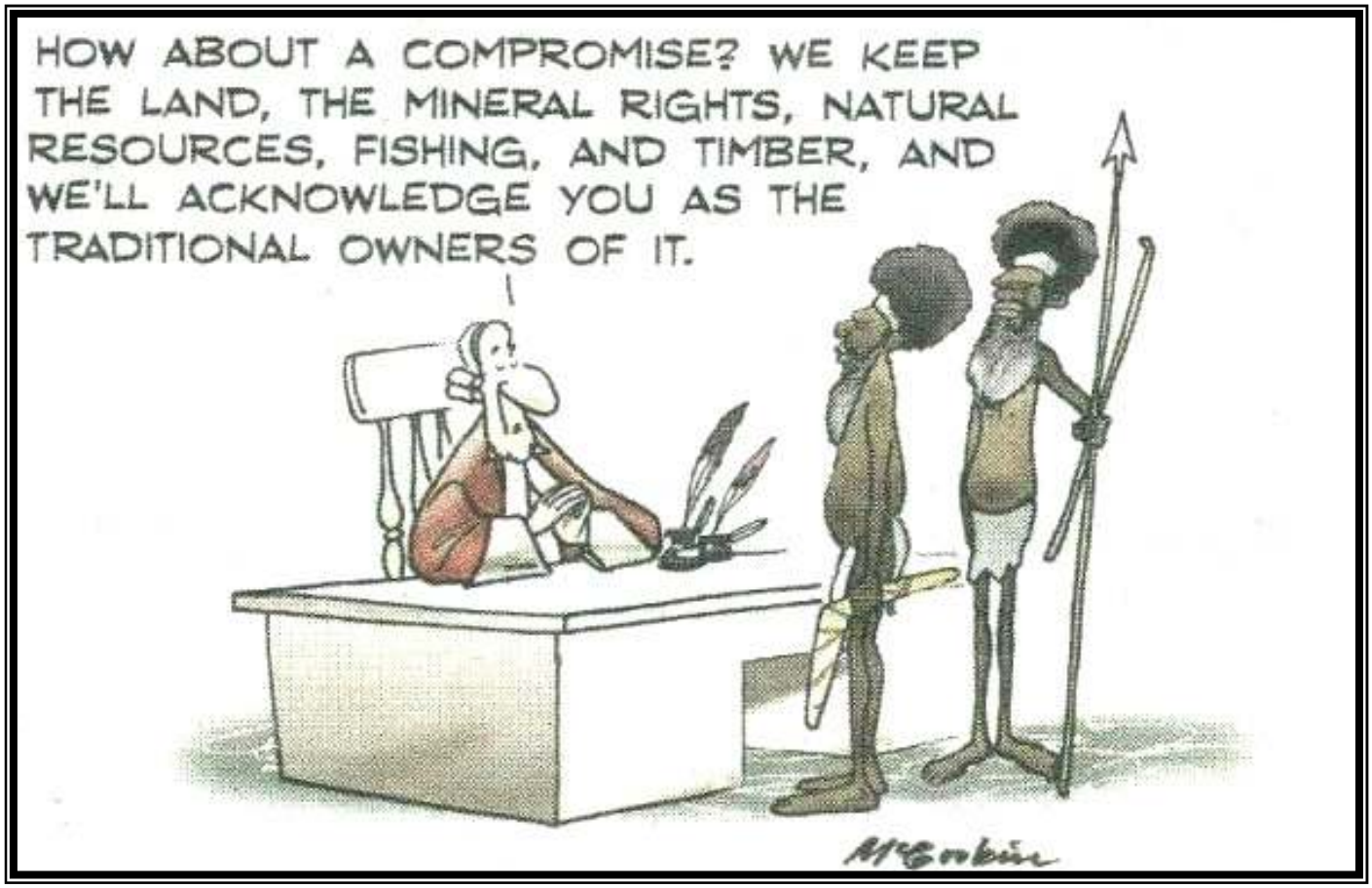
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July 2012

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
July 30 6.30pm GA MP	July 31			June 29 Occupy Friday	June 30 Occupy Parramatta 5.30pm GA MP	July 1
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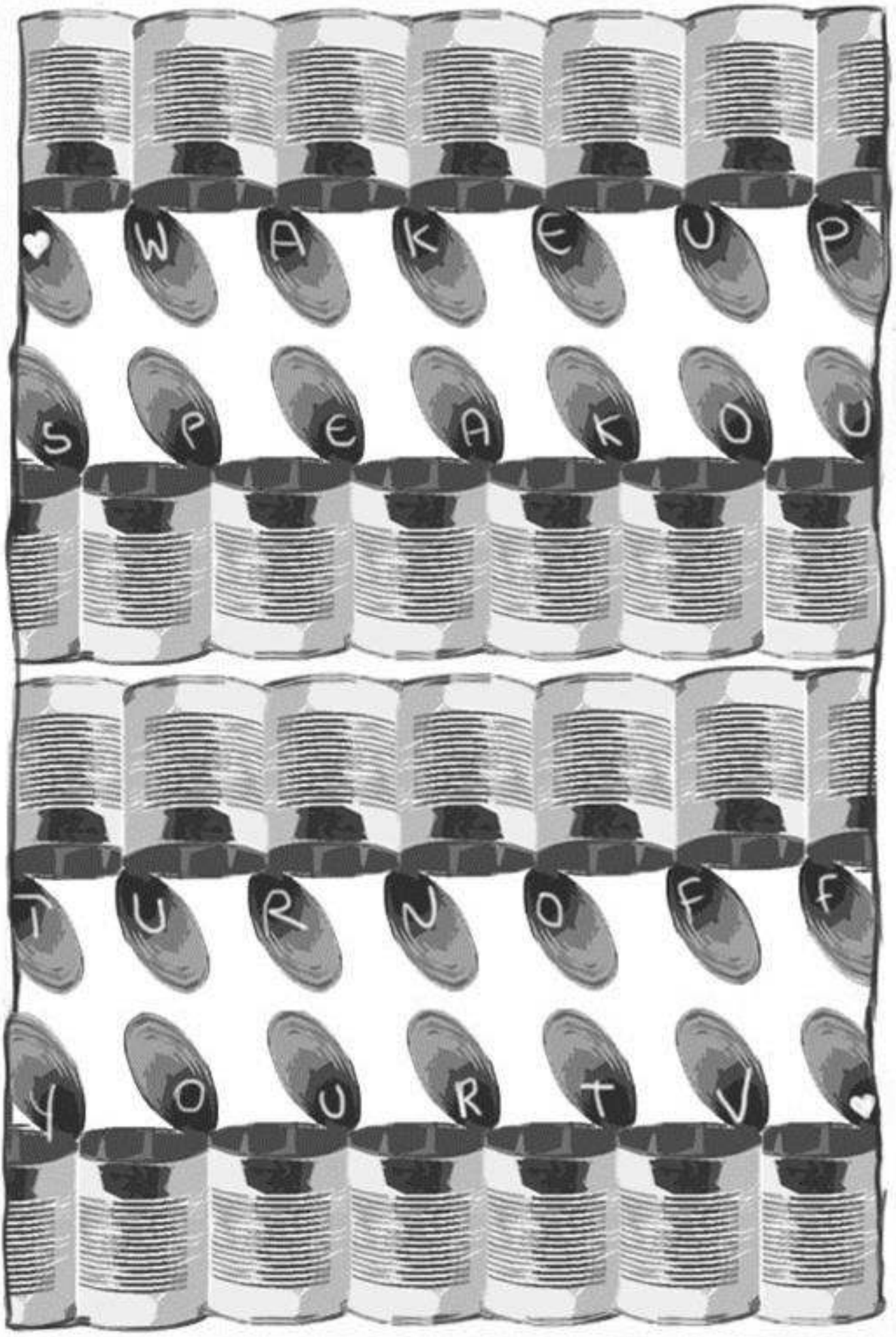

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